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1. PRESIDENTS SADAT AND TITO HAD ADDITIONAL ONE HOUR MEETING AT BRDO KOD DRANJA MAY 30 PRIOR DEPARTURE OF SADAT FOR AUSTRIA. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED FULL SATISFACTION WITH MEETING. JOINT COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT A "SUBSTANTIAL PRECONDITION" FOR SUCCESS OF GENEVA CONFERENCE IS SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST CRISISI IS "PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO, AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AND AN EQUAL PARTNER IN ALL STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS."

COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATES THAT "NONALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD PLAY A ROLE AT THE CONFERENCE COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

2. WHILE CLEARLY TALKS CONCERNED MAINLY ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM, OTHER MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED AND COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR "SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATION (WHICH) MAY ONLY TAKE PLACE THROUGH A NEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER . . . CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE DECISION OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE 4TH CONFERENCE OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES."

- 3. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSION WIT EMBASSY OFFICER, EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT AT BRDO (BUT NOT AT SADAT-TITO TALKS) SAID THAT NEWS REPORTS AND COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED GENERAL TONE OF TALKS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT EGYPTIANS ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO CONVENE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WITH OR WITHOUT PARTICIPATION BY NONALIGNED, UNTIL THERE IS CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THUS EGYPTIANS ARE PINNING THEIR PRIMARY HOPES ON U.S. DIPLOMACY TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN ISRAELI ATTITUDE WHICH WILL MAKE GENEVA CONFERENCE WORTH -WHILE.
- 4. EQYPTIAN OFFICER STATED AT SOME LENGTH THAT SADAT-TITO TALKS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN SCHEDULE SINCE MARCH, BUT THERE HAD BEEN DIFFICULTY ARRANGING MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF "UNFOUNDED RUMOR" BASED ON MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY REPORT HAT TALKS HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF TITO'S HEALTH YUGOSLAVS HAD BEEN INSISTENT THAT TALKS BE HELD NOT TO DISPEL THESE RUMORS.
- 5. ASSISTANT FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS KOMATINA, WHO ATTENDED THE TALSK, TOLD DCM THAT NEITHER YUGOSLAVIA NOR EGYPT WILL INSIST NONALIGNED PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. SADAT AND TITO DISCUSSED FORMATION OF GROUP OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD WORK FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST "IF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE GOES BADLY". KOMATINA ADDED THAT SADAT WAS GOING TO SALZBURG WITH FULL CONFIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT FOR, WHOM SADAT AND TITO CONSIDER A COURAGEOUS LEADER, WILL DO HIS UTMOST TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. SADAT FEARS, HOWEVER, THAT IS A SOLUTION IS NOT FOUND DURING THIS YEAR IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM IN 1976 ELECTION YEAR.

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